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**Public Record**

Dear Ms Brown:

This refers to Docket No. AB 1087 -X, Grenada Railway LLC--Abandonment Exemption--in Grenada, Montgomery, Carroll, Holmes, Yazoo and Madison Counties, Miss., and to the Petition for Abandonment Exemption of Grenada Railway LLC, filed September 20, 2011.

The Petition for Exemption is opposed by the Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations, Senator Thad Cochran, Congressman Gregg Harper of the Third District of Mississippi, the Delta Regional Authority, the Transportation Committee of the Mississippi House of Representatives, the Highway and Transportation Committee of the Mississippi Senate, Dr. Sidney Bondurant of the 24th District of the Mississippi House of Representatives, the Mississippi Transportation Commission and others.

None, however, has disputed that there are only five shippers on the 81.3-mile line proposed for abandonment, that together they tendered or received only 289 carloads of freight in all of the year 2010 and only 92 in the first six months of 2011 and that the Petitioner, Grenada Railway LLC, sustained an operating loss of \$100,927 in 2010 and \$94,674 in the first six months of 2011.

These data were brought to the attention of the Board by Grenada Railway LLC's pleading of September 30, 2011, in opposing the request for a hearing of the Mississippi Transportation Commission, filed September 29, 2011. The Board nevertheless granted the request for a hearing by its Decision, served October 25, 2011. Its Decision, served November 4, 2011, scheduled the hearing to be held in Winona, MS, on November 16, 2011.

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Under the circumstances, Grenada Railway LLC deems it prudent respectfully to request the Board for leave to withdraw its Petition for Abandonment Exemption. See, i.e., Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 267X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company--Abandonment Exemption--in Kanawha County, W. Va., served June 25, 2010; STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 289X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company--Abandonment Exemption--in Hamilton County, OH, served September 3, 2008.

I certify that I have served a copy of this letter upon each of the parties of record by e-mail, facsimile transmission or prepaid first-class mail.

If you have any question concerning the foregoing or if I otherwise can be of assistance, please let me know.

Respectfully yours,

  
Fritz R. Kahn